

THE APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH

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JESUS THE CHRIST OF CHRISTMAS

SCRIPTURAL LESSON: Matthew 1:16; 18-25

GOSPEL TRUTH:

The King of glory that arrived as a precious gift to all mankind from heaven is named Jesus. He is the Christ, the Savior of the world and the hope of glory to return for His Church (Colossians 1:5, 27).

GOLDEN SCRIPTURE:

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord (Luke 2:10-11).

THE APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH DOCTRINES:

- 1. The true Christ is the witness of God's glory. When the angels in heaven proclaimed His conception to Mary, they told her to call His name Jesus (*Luke 1:30-32*).
- 2. The only one born of a virgin, announced from heaven by God's angels and given the greatest name above every name is Jesus Christ the Savior. The Apostle Peter got it right as it was revealed to him from heaven (Matthew 16:16; Mark 8:29).
- 3. The birth of Christ, foretold by God's prophets, tells all mankind that Christ would come according to His word and in His time bringing His birthright to fruition for the salvation of man (*Luke 1:33*).

4. Mary said to the angel in wonder and amazement of the glorious news, ". . . How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?" (Luke 1:34).

BACKGROUND SETTING:

Christ was announced, introduced and brought forth as an innocent child, bearing the truth of Christmas. The chosen vessels (Mary and Joseph) are aligned in the lineage of David, a man after God's own heart. Jesus came into this world not to learn truth, but to deliver the truth that HE is the Son of God who speaks the mind of God. Yes, when Jesus was born, He was the Supreme Monarch in the world. Some wise men, assuming to be kings in their own right, bowed to Jesus when He was born. Every king and every man in the Earth and under the Earth shall ultimately bow to Him just as they did. Jesus rules over all the Earth. Revelation 19:16 says: "And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS." God's Kingdom is a superior Kingdom to any other. Thus, He is the Sovereign Ruler of the universe.

LESSON SUMMARY:

The Lord Jesus Christ, whom we exalt today, was not just a "baby in a manger." His birth is not a fairy tale. He is far more. He first came to Earth veiled in the form of a child and not many took notice or knew about Him. Some did, but most did not. According to the scripture, it was only those who were searching found Christ Jesus lying in a manger (Luke 2:7, 12, 16). The second time He comes back to Earth, Jesus will be unveiled and soon we who believe on Him will see Him, without the robe of human flesh. It will be abundantly and immediately clear to all the world just who Jesus really is. Yes, a star marked His first arrival. The next time He comes back, He Himself will light the sky and every eye shall see Him.

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